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In re Application of:)
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Serial No. 10/647,603) Group Art No. 3753
Filed: 25 August 2003)
For: HORIZONTAL-FLOW TRAP AND HOUSING ASSEMBLY) Examiner: John A. Rivell
WITH ODOR PREVENTING CLOSURE MECHANISM)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The amendments, contained in the enclosed Versions with Markings, and below remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated 10 May 2004.

REMARKS

The changes in the specification and claims are made following the patenting of the parent application and the international search made in the corresponding PCT application. An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this amendment to bring the results of that search before the Examiner.

Specifically, claims 1-24 were rejected based upon double patenting under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-24 of parent U.S. Patent No. 6,644,339.

The newly presented claims are amended to distinguish over this double patenting rejection and, further, in light of the international search made in the corresponding PCT application.